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SUBJECT: MOTHERS OF DISAPPEARED ARGENTINES

REF: A. BUENOS AIRES 0083 B. BUENOS AIRES 148
C. STATE 5628

1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES REPORT OF VATICAN CONCERN OVER
HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN ARGENTINA AS EXPRESSED BY
MEMBER OF THE PAPAL DELEGATION TO ARGENTINA (REF A).

2. IN VIEW OF THIS INTEREST, VATICAN OFFICE IS REQUESTED
TO SHARE WITH APPROPRIATE VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE UN-
CLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF REFTEL (B) AS REPEATED TO ROME

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3. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS REPORT THAT THE CATHEDRAL OF BUENOS AIRES WAS LOCKED TO THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO WHO WERE SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE GOA ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOTHERS GROUP MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN LAST FALL AND REPORTED SIMILAR INCIDENTS OF APPARENT INDIFFERENCE BY SOME SECTORS OF THE CHURCH IN ARGENTINA TO THEIR CAUSE.
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